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In re Patent Application of)
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Application No.:) Examiner: Janet L. Coppins
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For: PROCESS FOR PREPARING PESTICIDAL INTERMEDIATES	 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) Divisional of Application No. 09/890,653, filed November 2, 2001, now allowed

LETTER ACCOMPANYING FILING OF DIVISIONAL APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The parent Application No. 09/890,653 was filed as the national stage of International Application No. PCT/EP00/01101. This divisional is being filed with an amended specification and claims. The specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to the parent and international applications and to Americanize spelling. The claims have been amended to place them in better form for examination in the United States by eliminating improper multiple dependent claims. This has resulted in an increase in the number of claims, in order to claim in separate claims combinations of features which were previously claimed in multiple dependent claims. In addition, claims drawn to preferred embodiments of the invention disclosed in the specification but not specifically claimed during the international phase have been added. These new claims have ample basis in the

specification. Still further, spelling and phraseology have been Americanized in the new claims. It is readily apparent, however, that the new claims are no narrower in scope than the claims which they replace, save for the deletion of subject matter allowed in the parent application. The subject matter claimed herein corresponds to that of Groups I through IX and XII through XIV set forth in the August 30, 2002 Official Action/Restriction Requirement in the parent. It is also clear that no new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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